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Shuichi Nakagawa et al.

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For: TWO AXIS STAGE FOR MICROSCOPE

Examiner: T. Q. Nguyen

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR
ALLOWANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance contained in the Office Action mailed on February 16, 2005, and wish to submit the following remarks. The Statement lists several "features as claimed in each of present claims 1 and 2" as reasons for allowance of independent claims 1 and 2. Office Action, page 5. Applicants wish to point out that independent claims 1 and 2 do not recite several "features" contained in the Statement. For example, claims 1 and 2 do not recite that "the first table supports the second table," or "a base supporting the second table." Further, claim 2 does not recite a "drive mechanism for independently driving the first table and the second table."


Applicants wish to point out that independent claims 1 and 2 are allowable based solely on the combination of limitations recited in the claims. In addition, dependent claims 3-7 recite limitations which, in combination with their base claims,

render the dependent claims allowable. The Statement also contains characterizations of several prior art references. Applicants do not comment on the characterizations, but wish to note that Applicants' silence is not to be interpreted as acquiescence with the characterizations in the Statement.

Otherwise, Applicants agree with the Statement that the claims are allowable over the prior art.

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